

Boone County Soil & Water Conservation District
801 W Pearl Street
Lebanon, Indiana 46052

Minutes

May 19, 2021

Attendees Present:

Members: Kathy Clawson, Chris Branaman, and Allen Mohler. . Also, present District Administrator Sheryl Vaughn, Resource Conservationist Brian Daggy, Curt Emanuel, Purdue Extension, George Reger, ISDA, Resource Conservationist. Tom Santelli, Boone County Commissioner and Austin Green with Clinton County SWCD.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kathy Clawson. 7:35am.

I. Approval of Minutes and Treasurers Report.

Chris Branaman made the motion to approve the March 2021 minutes and the May 2021 treasurers report. Allen Mohler seconded. Motion carried.

II. Approval of Bills.

12211 – AT&T	104.37
12212 – Chris Branaman (Mileage Reim)	105.23
12213 – Chris Branaman (reim expense)	19.75
12214 – Cardmember Services(Equipment, supplies)	2733.64
12215 – Truax Company, Inc. (drill parts)	186.16
12216 – Maxwell Auto Group (parts for equipment)	187.76
12217 – Co-Alliance (fuel)	129.05
12218 – AT&T	94.38
12219 – Cardmember Services (cc field day)	54.71
12220 – Co-Alliance (fuel)	64.39
12221 – Maxwell Automotive (Equipment parts/supplies)	72.92
12222 – Selective Insurance (demo plot)	429.00

Alan Mohler made the motion to approve the submitted bills for payment. Chris Branaman seconded. The motion carried.

III. Staff Reports.

Brian Daggy – BCSWCD Resource Conservationist

Work report submitted. Air Seeder should be ready for use fall 2021. Cover Crop field day July 22nd during the fair. The cover crop field day back in March had very low attendance.

Sheryl Vaughn – BCSWCD District Administrator

Work report submitted.

If we get a booth at the 2021 county fair, Austin Green suggested that maybe we have the air seeder to display.

Curt Emanuel – Purdue Extension

There are 6 cooperators enrolled for the In-Field Advantage program. The drone will be flown by John Scott. A possible pesticide training event for September 2nd.

George Reger – Resource Conservationist, ISDA

The 2022 CWI grant has been launched. Treavor Laurie took the division leader with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

IV. New Business

Austin Green, Resource Conservationist, Clinton County– Austin gave an update on the IDEM 319 grant for browns wonder. The grant expires in 2022. The grant was a 200,000 grant. 40K has been spent. We need to get these funds allocated. Austin asked if having a cheat sheet would help to promote this. Promote heavy through newsletters, radio mom and one on one. George suggested targeting the audience this was set up for. One on one phones calls. Give George some names and he will call them. Austin and Brian need to locate a few areas for signs to be placed in the watershed. Work with the highway department.

Purchase of auger for seeded – This has been purchased. Sheryl will get invoice and get this paid.

CWI grant project updates – Sheryl gave an update on both projects. Our 2019 CWI with Hendricks County expires December 31, 2021.

IDEA 2021 Fall Conference – The conference will be held October 5-7th.

Civil Right document. Angie asked for this to be included on this agenda.

V. Miscellaneous and old business

Tom Santelli, Boone County Commissioner talked about media and publication contract with raising awareness with programs. Austin Green, Clinton County will send Tom information on the program. Curt Emanuel said Jack would be willing to put in a basic rain garden at fairgrounds. FDIC in Jamestown will be installing rain gardens. Curt is meeting the director to discuss this. Sheryl should expect a call from them. Austin asked how we could get the supervisors involved in the steering committee meeting for the Browns Wonder, Sugar Creek grant. Looking for people to have events or displays on Tuesday from 4-7, Lebanon market.

Tom talked about the proposal for solar farms to be installed on about 1,000 acres of prime farm ground in Boone County. Looking for the Environment impact these might have. Sheryl will do some research and reach out to some staff in Kentucky she has contacts with from national conference to find out if there is an Environmental impact study that has been done. Concerns from constituents has risen. Will there be tax deferment? I will see what I can come up with. Sometimes this information is considered privileged information and is not available to the public. The power generated would go to NIPSCO up north. The parent company is in Florida with many sub companies. What is the estimated value of it? Would be 236,000 panels. What moratoriums would there be? ARP funds received by Boone County in the amount of 13.2 million will be spend by 2024.

VI. Adjournment.

Allen Mohler made the motion to adjourn. Chris Branaman seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 am.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2021. We will plan on meeting at 7:30am in the Connie Lamar Room, Boone County office building.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Vaughn

Boone County Soil and Water Board

Absent
Dan Dunbar
Chris Branaman
Chris Branaman
Kathy Clawson
Kathy Clawson
Ben Lawson
Ben Lawson

Approval Date: 7-21-2021
Allen Mohler
Allen Mohler